

HANDOUT – Lesson 212 – CHERUBIM AND SERAPHIM

	Rev 4	Ezek 1 & 10	Isa 6:2
Specifically identified as cherubim in the passage		x	
Specifically identified as seraphim in the passage			x
There are four of them around the throne of God	x	x	
There is an expanse like crystal above them and above the expanse is the glory of God		x	
They are next to the throne of God with an expanse of crystal around them	x		
They stand above the throne of God			x
They are alive	x	x	x
Day and night they proclaim the holiness of the Lord. They also say and do other things – including guarding the way to the tree of life per Gen 3:24.	x		x

Ezekiel sees each creature as having a human form with four faces. John sees only one face on each creature.

They look like humans		x	
Each has four faces		x	
One face like a lion (per Ezek, this face is on the right). John sees one creature like a lion.	x	x	
Second face like a bull (per Ezek, this face is on the left). In the passage in Ezek 10, Ezekiel says this face is the face of a cherub so perhaps this is the primary face? John sees one creature like an ox.	x	x	
Third face like a man. John sees one creature with a face like a man.	x	x	
Fourth face like an eagle. John sees one creature like a flying eagle.	x	x	

Both times, Ezekiel specifically mentioned that the cherubim had four wings. John and Isaiah, however, saw six wings.

Each creature has four wings		x	
Each creature has six wings	x		x
Two wings cover their body, fly with two		x	
Two wings cover their face, two cover their feet, fly with two			x
Two wings spread above and touch the other cherubim		x	
Their wings make a loud sound, like the voice of God Almighty, when they move		x	
Under their wings on each of their four sides are human hands		x	
Their wings are covered with eyes, even underneath. (Ezekiel says "full of eyes").	x	x	

Their legs are straight, their feet like a calf's hoof and they gleamed brightly		x	
They do not turn when they move		x	
They precede the Spirit of God wherever it goes		x	
They move swiftly, like lightning		x	
Burning coals of fire, like torches with lightning flashing from them, dart back and forth between the four creatures. Ezekiel was actually sent in among the cherubim to gather some burning coals.		x	
Isaiah is touched by one of the seraphim with a burning coal "taken from the altar". The root word "seraph" means "fiery".			x
Each creature has a wheel on the earth beside it, though both the creatures and their wheels could rise from the earth		x	
Each wheel is a wheel intersecting a wheel so each wheel could go in any direction the creatures moved without turning		x	
The wheels look like they are made of sparkling precious stone		x	
Rims of the wheels were lofty and awesome and full of eyes		x	
Wheels moved wherever the creatures moved		x	
The spirit of the creatures was in its wheels		x	
The wheels are called "whirling wheels" or a "whirlwind"		x	
Their entire bodies, including their backs, hands, wings and wheels are full of eyes	x	x	